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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR SOVIET JEWS BOUND FOR US

REF: STATE 69518, MOSCOW 5117, VIENNA 3304

1. IN VIEW INFORMATION PROVIDED MOSCOW AND VIENNA REFTELS THAT UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES US PRO-FORMA STAMP HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE WHEN SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS REACH VIENNA, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES VIENNA'S SUGGESTION OF A TRIAL PERIOD, DURING WHICH ISSUANCE OF STAMPS IS HELD TO MINIMUM, IS WORTH PURSUING.

2. ACCORDINGLY, UNTIL JUNE 30 MOSCOW SHOULD ADVISE SOVIET EMIGRANTS WITH EXIT DOCUMENTS FOR ISRAEL THAT USG POLICY IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT TO ISSUE STAMPS BECAUSE: (A) PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN

WORKED OUT WITH ALL CONCERNED PARTIES IN VIENNA MAKING STAMP UNNECESSARY; AND (B) WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE SOVIET AUTHORITIES OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLICATE EMIGRATION IN GIVEN CASE OR IN GENERAL CHARGING THAT PROCEDURES FOR EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL ARE BEING USED FOR UNAUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. WHILE EMBASSY MOSCOW MAY CONTINUE GRANTING PROFORMA STAMPS TO THE EMIGRANTS WHO EXPRESS STRONG PREFERENCE TO RECEIVE THEM, WE WOULD HOPE THAT EMBASSY CAN HOLD USE OF STAMP TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM DURING TRIAL PERIOD.

4. VIENNA AND GENEVA REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT SHOULD THERE BE ANY SIGNS THAT ABSENCE OF US PRO-FORMA STAMP IS COMPLICATING PROCESSING OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS WHO WISH TO TRAVEL TO US. KISSINGER

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